



County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Social Services

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Director

July 30, 2002

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: 
Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE HEALTH RELATED SITUATION

This is to advise you of a possible health related situation in one of my district offices. The Office Head at the Civic Center Workforce Services District Office, 813 E. 4th Place, Los Angeles, was contacted by an investigator from the Department of Health Services (DHS) in an attempt to locate a former General Relief (GR) participant. The investigator advised the Office Head that last year the former GR participant tested positive for tuberculosis and has since disappeared. The former GR participant had not completed his treatment and the investigator was trying to locate the individual in order to determine if he was still communicable. Our district office employees' last contact with this individual was in April 2002. At our request, DHS is determining whether or not the former GR participant was communicable at that time.

Pending the result of this determination, we have made arrangements for a representative from DHS' Tuberculosis Control Program to make a presentation to the Civic Center office staff on July 30, 2002. DHS will provide information on how tuberculosis is transmitted; what to do if they believe they have been exposed; and testing procedures. This course of action has been endorsed by Dr. Shirley Fannin, DHS' Medical Director of the Disease Control Programs Section.

I will keep you updated on any significant further developments.

BY:rcm

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Director, Health Services